

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. District No. 7
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON FINANCE met on Monday, July 16, 2001, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; and Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney. Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio was excused.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order with the first item on the agenda.

Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Berkeley County Operational Budget (Ordinance 01-06-19) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, and to provide for levy reducing ad valorem property taxes to the amount of fifty-two and one half mills.

Mr. Robbie Metts, Administrative Director, reported an error was made in the ad valorem taxes. This Ordinance reduces the millage rate from fifty-four and one half mills to fifty-two and one half mills.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Crosby to send the amendment of the Berkeley County Operational Budget (Ordinance 01-6-19) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 20, 2002, for first reading. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the committee.

Chairman Vaughn addressed the second item on the agenda.

Consideration of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 87-6-9 providing for the creation of the Berkeley County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, appointment of committee members, and the rules and regulations governing the operation of the committee.

Chairman Vaughn explained the intent of the Ordinance is to amend the Committee members' terms. Currently the Committee members are serving terms concurrent with the Councilmember in which district they reside. Other Committees' terms run concurrent with the Councilmember who appoints them.

Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney, reported to the Committee there were changes in the state law governing the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. The State law calls for seven committee members and the Committee currently has eight members. Mr. Stokes indicated that he would continue to research the issue and will report back to Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Crosby to send the amendment of Ordinance No. 87-6-9, for first reading. The motion passed by voice vote of the committee. Council Member Mims voted "Nay."

It was moved by Council Member Mims and seconded by Council Member Crosby to adjourn the Committee of Finance. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.